

CORNERSTONE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Current Board: Rev. Sara Sills, Moderator; Jeannie Barton, Vice Moderator; Way Bailey, Clerk; Frank Dodson, Treasurer; Joan Parks, Member at Large; Hayse Brock, Member at Large

Current Active Membership: 80

Guests Present: Sonja Caruth, Debra Presley, Denise Barton, Steve Warren, Alicia Turner, Kent Dueitt, Raya Richards-Engel, Seth Barton, Robert Engel, Pat Hamilton, Steven Flaskerud, Calvin Yamin, Lynda Warren, JJ Warren, Tabitha Duke, Jennifer Duke, Kay Hedgepeth, Jim Persons, Tony Tatum

Time of Centering & Opening Prayer: Meeting was called to order at 12:19pm. Kent Dueitt gave the Opening Prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Listening Post:

1. Calvin Yamin wanted to add 2 comments to his proposal (to be discussed later on the agenda). Approximately \$4,000 in gifts have been donated to the Media Ministry, he asked the Board to keep this in mind when discussing the proposal. He also pitched the idea of using Mardi Gras Parking Fundraiser Funds to pay for the first year of service.
2. Lynda Warren publicly offered thanks for the completion of the driveway and handicap ramps.
3. Robert Engel inquired about signage for ArtWalk. He wants to work with Steve Warren to create a QR code for the church's website (for flyers, etc.). He wants to add an announcement to the weekly newsletter, requesting ideas for the Outreach Ministry.

Reports – All reports were sent via email on 01/15/25. Rev. Sara presented the Treasurer's Report & Pastor's Report and made a motion to accept all reports as presented. Second the motion was made by Jeannie Barton. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Clerk's Report, BOD Meeting Minutes, November 2024:**
- **Treasurer's Report:**
- **Pastor's Report:**
- **Lay Delegate Report:**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Driveway Repair Update, Rev. Sara Sills:** The driveway project has been completed! Praise the Lord! Many thanks to Paul Diaz for working on this and getting it completed!
- **Church Savings Account Update, Waylon Bailey:** We opened a savings account in October 2024. However, we received a notice today that the account has been closed. The account is no longer showing in our online accounts. Waylon will call the bank this week to find out what happened.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Pink Triangle AA Request, Rev. Sara Sills:** The Pink Triangle AA Group is interested in using our facilities as a meeting space on Wednesday nights, beginning in February. Several of our members are active in the group and will be responsible for the meeting. Rev. Sara will oversee the process of letting them in/out, etc. A suggestion was made to use any funds from their donations to help seed the new savings account. Rev. Sara made a motion for this to be approved. Second the motion was made by Hayse Brock. Motion passed unanimously.
- **40th Anniversary Planning, Rev. Sara Sills:** Rev. Sara is requesting volunteers to form a 40th Anniversary Planning Committee. The following individuals are interested. Frank Dodson, Freddie Miller, Richard Miller, Sonja Caruth, Alicia Turner, Tony Tatum, Lynda Warren. Rev. Sara will begin a group thread amongst those interested so we can begin working on this.
- **Mardi Gras Parking Fundraiser, Rev. Sara Sills:** Our Mardi Gras Parking Fundraiser is quickly approaching, and volunteers are needed to “work the parking lot”. A sign-up sheet has been floating around the Sanctuary and is slowly filling up. We will continue to announce it.

- **Live Streaming Proposal, Calvin Yamin:** Calvin sent a proposal via email on 01/14/25. The proposal is to change/add livestreaming & presentation services. The entire proposal was sent to the Board via email on 01/15/25. A quick breakdown of the proposal includes changing presentation services (from PowerPoint to ProPresenter) and adding Resi (a livestreaming service). The annual total for both services is \$1,378. The floor was opened for questions and the following questions were asked.
 1. Waylon Bailey asked if one service could work without the other. ProPresenter can work without Resi, but Resi cannot work without ProPresenter.
 2. Kent Dueitt inquired if this is a “new” monthly/yearly expense (or has it already been factored into the budget). This would be a new expense as when the budget was created and approved, this proposal/charge had not been received.
 3. Steven Flaskerud reiterated the importance of the Media Ministry.
 4. Alicia Turner asked if we could do a separate fundraiser for this fee. Yes, this is a possibility (and great idea).
 5. Rev. Sara Sills asked about a timeline for training and implementation. Shelley Mayo is in the process of learning ProPresenter while Calvin continues to learn Resi.
 6. Lynda Warren asked if the proposal included a price for these services. Yes.

After all questions were asked and answered, Rev. Sara advised that the Board would like to sit down together and discuss the proposal and its entirety. We will keep this item on the agenda until a decision is made.

Meeting Adjournment & Closing Prayer: Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm. Pat Hamilton gave the Closing Prayer.